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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S CARACAS ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CARACAS
JULY 7 AT 2300 ON PA 443. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARRIVAL
STATEMENT:

QUOTE IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO ARRIVE IN CARACAS,
THE MODERN, DYNAMIC CAPITAL OF TODAY'S VENEZUELA.
I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS VISIT AND TO THE
CONVERSATIONS WHICH IT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE WITH THE
LEADERS OF THIS GREAT NATION.

IN WASHINGTON, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
WITH VISITING OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
VENEZUELA. IN PARIS, AT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE
IN APRIL, I HAD EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH
DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, MINISTER OF STATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. NOW I LOOK
FORWARD TO REPEATING AND EXPANDING UPON THOSE
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CONVERSATIONS.

VENEZUELA HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED
STATES. IT IS OUR LARGEST SINGLE SUPPLIER OF

CRUDE AND REFINED PETROLEUM; IT IS A MAJOR MARKET

FOR THE EXPORT OF US GOODS AND SERVICES; AND IT
IS HOST TO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF U.S. PRIVATE
INVESTMENT. BUT TODAY, WITH ITS NEW INCOME FROM
OIL, AND WITH ITS DEMONSTRATED CONCERN FOR THE
WORLD'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, VENEZUELA
HAS TAKEN ON A NEW IMPORTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME,
THE UNITED STATES IS RECIPROCALLY VERY IMPORTANT
FOR VENEZUELA.

AS WE ALL LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, AS WE SEEK
SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF INTERDEPENDENCE, AND
AS WE TRY TO BUILD BRIDGES AMONG OUR VARIOUS
WORLD GROUPINGS AND COMMUNITIES, VENEZUELA
HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY. THE UNITED STATES
RECOGNIZES THAT ROLE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
OPPORTUNITY DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS
IT IN MEANINGFUL FASHION WITH THE LEADERS OF
THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU, AND I REPEAT THAT IT IS A PLEASURE
TO BE HERE. UNQUOTE

2. DEPARTURE SCHEDULED FOR 0100 JULY 10 VIA RG 807.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT:

QUOTE THIS VISIT TO CARACAS HAS BEEN A MOST
IMPRESSIVE AND UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

TO THE BEAUTY OF YOUR CITY AND THE DYNAMISM
OF ITS DAILY LIFE THERE IS NOW ADDED THE SENSE
OF MOVEMENT AND OF PROGRESS WHICH CHARACTERIZES
TODAY'S VENEZUELA.

I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET WITH YOUR LEADERS
AND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM THEIR CONCEPT OF
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VENEZUELA'S PLACE IN TODAY'S INTERDEPENDENT
WORLD. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE NEW PROBLEMS
OF OUR ERA AND SOME POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THEM.
NONE OF THE ANSWERS ARE EASILY ARRIVED AT, BUT
I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THROUGH DISCUSSIONS
SUCH AS WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED WE ALL MOVE CLOSER
TO A PLANE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
WHICH CAN LEAD US TOWARD THOSE SOLUTIONS.

THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA HAVE COOPERATED
IN THE PAST, AND I AM CONVINCED THAT WE CAN
CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN THE FUTURE. SUCH

COOPERATION WILL BE TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT, BUT

IT WILL ALSO BE TO THE BENEFIT OF AMERICA AS
A WHOLE. AND IN A STILL LARGER SENSE,
COOPERATION BETWEEN US CAN HELP IN BRINGING
ABOUT THOSE CHANGES ON THE TOTAL SCENE WHICH ARE
ESSENTIAL IF MANKIND IS TO MOVE FORWARD IN PEACE
AND HARMONY TOWARD A BETTER WORLD.

I AM INDEED GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY KIND ATTENTIONS
SHOWN ME DURING MY STAY IN CARACAS, AND I LOOK
FORWARD TO FURTHER AND CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE
GREAT NATION OF VENEZUELA IN THE DAYS AND YEARS
TO COME.

THANK YOU. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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